# U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY INITIAL POLLUTION REPORT

**DATE:** October 23, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Pleasantdale Road Gasoline Spill

Intersection of I-85 and Pleasantdale Road, Atlanta, Dekalb County, Georgia

**FROM:** José Negrón, OSC

**US-EPA Region 4** 

**TO:** S. Hitchcock, EPA

Don Rigger, EPA Region 4, RRC

#### I. BACKGROUND

FPN# E04403 Site ID: Z4FW

PROJECT CEILING: \$70,000.00

LEAD AGENCY: EPA, Region 4, ERRB

61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303

NPL: No FUNDING: OPA

LEAD OSC: Ben Franco

## II SITUATION

Date of Notification: 23 October 2003 Date Action Started: 23 October 2003

Pollutant: Gasoline

Quantity Discharged: Approximately 8400 gallons of gasoline. Source Identification: Overturned tanker truck (capacity 8,700 gal.)

## III ACTIONS TAKEN

On October 23, 2003 at 04:45 hours, a owner/operator owned tanker truck with a capacity of 8.700 gallons overturned at the intersection of I-85 and Pleasentdale Road. The intersection and Site of the spill is in close proximity of the North Fork of Peachtree Creek, a tributary of the Chattahoochee River in Dekalb County, Georgia.

The Dekalb County Hazmat and Fire Department and were the first responders onsite. The spill was reported to the NRC by Georgia EPD. EPA Region 4 OSC Carter Williamson was dispatched to the Site to provide assistance.

Cleanup contractors were hired by responsible party to address the spill. The emergency responders and cleanup crews worked to address the release. The cleanup crews stopped the leak and offloaded the tanker truck. The truck was righted and an effort was made to collect the released gasoline in a catch basin. Georgia EPD continued to monitor the cleanup operations.

On October 24, 2003 EPA was notified that the trucking company did not carry valid insurance. Private contractors hired by responsible party refused to continue to work. OSC Franco was dispatched to assess situation and later took over response. OSC Franco brought an EPA ERRS contractor to conduct clean-up activities.

## IV FUTURE ACTIONS

OSC Franco will provide assistance and support to local responders and the contractors as needed.

## V ESTIMATED COSTS

EPA \$2,500

## U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY FINAL POLLUTION REPORT

**DATE:** 07APR04

**SUBJECT:** Pleasantdale Gasoline Discharge

I-85 N/ Exit Pleasantdale Rd., Doraville, GA

**FROM:** Benjamin Franco, OSC

**USEPA Region 4** 

**TO:** S. Hitchcock, EPA

Region 4, RRC

USCG GA EPD

## I. BACKGROUND

FPN# E04403 SITE ID# Z4FW PROJECT CEILING: \$150,000

LEAD AGENCY: EPA, Region 4, ERRB

61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303

NPL: No FUNDING: OPA

LEAD OSC: Ben Franco

## II SITUATION

Date of Notification: 10AUG03
Date Action Started: 10AUG03
Pollutant: Gasoline

Quantity Discharged: Approximately 6000 gallons.

Source Identification: Tanker Rollover

## III ACTIONS TAKEN

On 23OCT03, a tanker truck operated by Fort Oil, Inc. rolled over as it exited the North exit of I-85 and Pleasantdale Rd. The rollover caused approximately 7,000 gallons of diesel to be released into a storm drain that emptied into an empty parcel that was used as catch basin. This catch basin drains into Peachtree Creek. Fort Oil Co. hired Georgia Oilman Services to recover the product. On 24OCT03, EPA was notified that Fort Oil, Inc. did not have insurance and was not going to be able to address the spill. At this point, OSC Franco was dispatched to the scene. OSC Franco activated ERRS contractor

Kemron to conduct the remaining cleanup operation.

## **Environmental Impact**

There was no evidence of product in Peachtree Creek. Absorbent booms were placed in case of a rain event caused product to enter the creek. The creek was less than 100 feet from the impacted area. The recovery trenches served its purposes and stopped the advancement of product into the creek. Air monitoring indicated VOC levels of 10 to 50 ppm. This required the use of Level C protection for workers in the work zone (catch basin).

## **Response Actions**

As explained in the initial POLREP, GA Oilmens Services recovered product from the rolled over tanker truck and from the catch basin. They also excavated recovery trenches in the catch basin in order to recover any free product.

At 1400hours of 24OCT03, the response contractor hired by the responsible party was relieved from their response duties and the response was taken over by EPA. The OSC tasked ERRS to excavate additional recovery trenches in order to facilitate the recovery of product, recover product from a Bell South underground vault, excavate and stockpile contaminated soil, backfill and restore the area. The area had a strong odor of gasoline and several lanes of Pleasantdale Rd. was closed in order to diminish fire hazards (cigarettes). Kemron performed air monitoring as part of the Health and Safety requirements.

## Soil Excavation

The soil in the catch basin was saturated with fuel and was in close proximity to Peachtree Creek. For this reason the OSC decided to excavate and disposed of the soil. Soil was excavated in some parts down to six feet level below ground. On 26OCT03, a rain event washed most of the fuel from the soil filling the excavated areas with several feets of water. A sheen was not observed in the water and that point the OSC decided that no more soil should be excavated. A total of 2,372 tons of soil was removed from the impacted area.

#### Liquid Waste Removal

Kemron contracted services with HEPACO to remove the fuel and water from the Bellsouth's underground telephone wire vault beneath Pleasantdale Rd. A Bellsouth representative was worried that the wiring will be damaged by the fuel. HEPACO was used because Kemron's subcontractor, SWS, did not have a vac truck readily available. On the following day, Kemron used a vac truck from its subcontractor SWS Environmental, to recover any remaining free product that collected in the several recovery trenches.

In addition to soil and gasoline product removal, Kemron disposed of sand, absorbent booms, and pads that were used by Georgia Oilmen Services and the Dekalb County Fire Department during the initial response.

## Site Restoration

Soil was brought in to fill the excavate area, and the area was graded to allow for controlled draining. A cement curb that was broken during Site activity was repaired. Vegetation was not replaced because the area was intended to be a catch basin.

- B. Use of Innovative Technologies or Authorities: None
- C. **Community Involvement:** None
- D. **Unusual Circumstances:** The responsible party did not have insurance and could not continue with the response. Fort Oil, Inc. may have closed down and declared bankrupt. The Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety revoked the Company's license to operate.
- E. **Future Considerations:** None
- F. **Post Removal Site Control:** None

## IV. CONTRACTOR INFORMATION AND ESTIMATED COSTS

#### A. Contractor Information

CONTRACTOR	DO NUMBER	POP START	POP END	DO AMOUNT
ERRS		24OCT04		\$128,113.84
TOTAL: \$128,113				

#### **B.** Estimated Costs

Intramural:

EPA Direct Costs: \$1,500

**EPA Indirect Costs** 

TOTAL SITE COSTS: \$129,613.84

These figures should not be used to support or dispute any legal action regarding this removal.

## V. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

Waste Stream Number	Waste Code	Description	Approximate Volume/Quantity	Wastestream Handling Method	Disposal Location
01		Non Haz Petroleum Contaminated Soil	2,372 tons	Landfill	Waste Management Live Oak Landfill
02		Petroleum Contact Water	1,800 gallons	Separation of oil from water.	Aqua-Terra Recycling and Treatment 710 Moore St Oxford, GA
03		Petroleum contaminated debris, Soil	2/20 CY Container	Landfill	Waste Management Live Oak Landfill
04		Petroleum contaminated debris, Soil	2/30 CY Container	Landfill	Waste Management Live Oak Landfill

# VI. ROSTER OF AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTING IN REMOVAL

Org./Agency, Address	Primary Contact	Phone Number	Role/Activity
USEPA R4	Benjamin Franco	404-562-8758	FOSC
	Carter Williamson	404-562-8742	FOSC
GAEPD	Jennifer Hicks	404-229-5651	State OSC
Georgia Department of Motor Vehicle Safety	Capt. Bruce Bragg	678-413-8825	Special Projects Coordinator
Kemron	Gary Rodgers	404-636-0928	Project Manager

## VII. LESSONS LEARNED: None